LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information portal for presenting or accepting tailored information related to a service or application , comprising:

a service access interface [[connectable to at least one]] for providing access to said service or application;

a portal directory connected to said service access interface for organizing information related to said service or application;

a user access interface connected to said portal directory for presenting or accepting information;

at least one user group for defining access to said service or application through group membership;

at least one user profile for defining customized parameters related to access to said service or application; and

said at least one user group and said at least one user profile [[both being related to said at least one service through a configuration of said service access interface and being related to said]] contribute to permitting or preventing customized access to said service or application from said user access interface [[through a configuration of said portal directory]].

2. (Original) An information portal according to claim 1, wherein said at least one user profile is assignable to a user.

3. (Original) An information portal according to claim 2, wherein said

at least one user profile is configurable by at least one of said user and an administrator.

4. (Currently Amended) An information portal according to claim 3, wherein said at least one user profile configuration can specify a portion of said [[at least one]] service or application available to said [[at least one]] user.

5. (Currently Amended) An information portal according to claim 1, further comprising a user authentication engine coupled to at least one of said portal directory, said at least one user group and said at least one user profile and effective to provide [[security]] secure access to said [[portal directory and said at least one]] service or application.

6. (Currently Amended) An information portal according to claim 5, wherein said authentication engine is operable to maintain an authentication mapping, whereby [[said at least one user is granted security]] secure access to said [[at least one]] service or application is obtained by securely accessing said at least one of said portal directory, said at least one user group and said at lest one user profile [[through said authentication engine]] .

7. (Currently Amended) An information portal according to claim 1, further comprising:

an information summary related to said [[at least one]] service or application;

said information summary being updateable when an information content of said [[at least one]] service or application is updated;

an indication of an activity in said information portal; and

said information content being updateable based on said indication.

8. (Original) An information portal according to claim 1, wherein said service access interface is a standardized interface effective to connect to a plurality of services in a standardized format.

9. (Currently Amended) An information portal according to claim 5, further comprising:

a migration tool operable to transfer authentication information from an information system to said <u>at least one of said</u> portal directory<u>, said at least one user group and said at least one user profile</u>; and

said transferred authentication information being usable by said user authentication engine effective to provides said security access.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information <u>access</u>, comprising:

connecting at least one information [[source]] <u>engine</u> with a <u>standardized interface;</u> [[user access configuration;

configuring said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and

providing said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user]]

<u>connecting a database with said standardized interface to permit information exchange between said database and said information engine;</u>

defining access to database portions based on group membership;

defining user customized information access based on a user profile; and

permitting or preventing user access to said database based on said group membership, in a format based on said user profile.

11 (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information according to claim 10, [[wherein said connecting is performed with a standardized interface with said information source]] further comprising providing a customization tool effective to modify said user profile to customize said access format.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information according to claim 10, further comprising:

operating a user authentication engine to access said at least one information [[source]] engine; and

providing [[said at least one user with access to]] an information summary related to an information content of said information [[source]] engine.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information according to claim 13, [[wherein said at least one user can directly access]] further comprising accessing said information [[source]] engine directly through operation of said authentication engine.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising:

updating said information summary when related information in said information content is updated; and

[[permitting said at least one user to set]] <u>setting</u> an alert when said information summary is updated.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising:

identifying an activity [[by said at least one user]] related to said information content; and

updating said information content based on said activity.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising:

updating said information summary when related information in said information content is updated;

identifying an activity [[by said at least one user]] related to said information content; and

updating said information content based on said activity.

18. (Currently Amended) A processor operable to execute a program code from a storage memory, said program code comprising:

a first code segment executable to connect [[at least one information source with a user access configuration]] <u>an information engine with a</u>

standardized interface;

a second code segment executable to [[configure said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and]] connect a database with said standardized interface to permit information exchange between said database and said information engine;

a third code segment executable to [[provide said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user]] define access to database portions based on group membership;

a fourth code segment executable to define user customized information access based on a user profile; and

a fifth code segment executable to permit or prevent user access to said database based on said group membership, in a format based on said user profile.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media containing a program code executable to provide organization information to a user, said program code comprising:

[[a first code segment executable to connect at least one information source with a user access configuration;

a second code segment executable to configure said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and

a third code segment executable to provide said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information

accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user]]

a first code segment executable to connect an information engine with a standardized interface;

a second code segment executable to connect a database with said standardized interface to permit information exchange between said database and said information engine;

a third code segment executable to define access to database portions based on group membership;

a fourth code segment executable to define user customized information access based on a user profile; and

a fifth code segment executable to permit or prevent user access to said database based on said group membership, in a format based on said user profile.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer network for deploying an information portal related to a service or application, comprising:

[[a service access interface connectable to at least one service;

a portal directory connected to said service access interface;

a user access interface connected to said portal directory;

at least one user group;

at least one user profile; and

said at least one user group and said at least one user profile both being related to said at least one service through a configuration of said service access interface and being related to said user access interface through a configuration of said portal directory]]

a service access interface for providing access to said service or

application;

a portal directory connected to said service access interface for organizing information related to said service or application;

a user access interface connected to said portal directory for presenting or accepting information;

at least one user group for defining access to said service or application through group membership;

at least one user profile for defining customized parameters related to access to said service or application; and

said at least one user group and said at least one user profile contribute to permitting or preventing customized access to said service or application from said user access interface.